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III. Replies received from Governments

Argentina

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Argentina reiterates its long-standing position in support of the establishment, through negotiation, of nuclear-weapon-free zones and the consolidation of such zones. It considers that these zones contribute significantly to international peace and security by safeguarding certain areas from the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. Therefore, Argentina emphasizes the need for full adherence to the treaties governing those zones, both by the States in the respective regions and by the nuclear Powers under the protocols annexed to those treaties.

The establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones presupposes that countries within the zone receive some basic security assurances in return. At least two main issues can be identified. The first is the need to respect all parts of the zone in keeping with the wishes of the contracting parties. The second is the need to ensure that the security doctrines of the nuclear-weapon States do not include procedures or methods to alter or weaken this objective.

Argentina considers that any group of States has the right to conclude regional treaties to ensure the total absence of nuclear weapons in their respective territories, under article VII of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

In this regard, nuclear-weapon-free zones play an important role in strengthening the non-proliferation regime and extending the areas of the world that are nuclear-weapon-free. In this context, the responsibilities of the nuclear-weapon States are essential.

Additionally, the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones strengthens international and regional peace and security and represents an important contribution to achieving nuclear disarmament.

With regard to the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, Argentina is closely following the situation in the region and believes that it is important to establish nuclear-weapon-free zones on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States concerned.

Moreover, Argentina has been following with interest the process of consultations on the conference to be convened on this issue in accordance with the mandate of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.